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For : VIDEO GAME WITH FAST FORWARD AND SLOW MOTION  
FEATURES

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, WITH TRAVERSE**

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Sir :

The following is in response to an Restriction Requirement mailed August 31, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply to expire October 2, 2006 (September 30, 2006 being a Saturday and October 1, 2006 being a Sunday). This response is timely filed and no extension of time fees are necessary.


In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed August 31, 2006, Applicants elect Species I, including claims 1, 2, 6 and 7. The Restriction Requirement is hereby traversed for at least the following reasons. Thus, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Restriction Requirement, and an examination on the merits of presently pending claims 1-10. Applicants, reserve a right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

MPEP § 803 states that "[i]f the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicants respectfully submit that presently pending claims 1-10 may be examined without serious burden on the Examiner, and therefore the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that a search for any one of groups I, II and III will require searching overlapping areas of groups II, III and I, respectively, or groups III, I and II, respectively. Accordingly, no serious burden exists for all three groups of claims to be examined in the same application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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